

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner O'Hara for discussing the claim amendments with Applicant's representative, Melissa Pytel, on June 7, 2004. As discussed, dependent claims 27-32 and 37-42 (previously claims 65-67, 69-71, 77-79 and 81-83 before renumbering by the Examiner) are being amended to recite a "first amino acid sequence that is 90% [or 95%] or more identical." The amendments to the claims are consistent with the language of the claims from which the amended claims depend (*i.e.*, claims 26 and 36, previously claims 64 and 76).

Applicants are also amending the benefit claim in the first paragraph of the specification to properly indicate the relationships between the benefit applications, as discussed in detail in the Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Benefit Claim submitted concurrently herewith.

No new matter has been added, and the amendments raise no new issues with respect to patentability. Applicants therefore request entry of these amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for issuance, and an early notice to that effect is urged. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicants would expedite the issuance of this application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

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